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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
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For: **Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**
Inventors: GERARD *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4330002/RWE/BJD

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1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 116 pages of description prior to the claims, including a sequence listing at pages 108-116;
 - (ii) 16 pages of claims (115 claims);
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
 - (iv) 54 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-54);
 - b. Computer-readable diskette copy of the sequence listing;
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Respectfully submitted,

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